

# THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELLSVILLE, KANSAS  
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



Fall is now officially here. Summer did not seem to be very hot this year, but the cool breeze in the morning is refreshing anyway. I love fall and all of the colors and the cool (but not frigid) weather.

This morning I read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm for my devotion. Isn't it wonderful that we have a heavenly Father who is our shepherd?! It is wonderful that, even in times when difficulties and challenges arise in our lives, we can turn to our Father for refreshment. He provides for our needs, provides places of rest, helps us live a righteous life through the Spirit, and even helps us through the valley of the shadow of death.

Finally those who know Jesus by faith have a home to live in that is beyond our wildest expectations! Wow, look at our Father who loves us!

Let us remember that we are saved by His grace through faith in His Son and that all things work for our good! It is my prayer that, as God's people, we will be refreshed in this season, and even though winter is coming in our season and in our lives, we do not walk alone, but are refreshed day by day in Christ!

In His Grip,

*Pastor Tom*



## ALL CHURCH PICNIC

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009**

At

**Leonard & Vesta Burbank's home  
48 East 1600 Road  
Baldwin City KS 66006  
785-594-3453**

Transportation is available on the property to the picnic site for those who need it.

Maps to the Burbank home are available at the back of the sanctuary.

### **Games & Activities start at 4:00 p.m.**

Tim & Ruth Ann Grimsley are bringing a horse or two and will take people for rides

### **Dinner will be around 5:30 p.m.**

Hot dogs and buns will be provided.

Each family needs to bring table service and chairs for themselves and a dish to share with the group.

The evening will end with a short devotion and campfire singing.

All are invited to join us!

In case of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.



Our Preschool has a new website! If you would like to see what is happening, just go to [www.specialblessingspreschool.blogspot.com](http://www.specialblessingspreschool.blogspot.com).

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH?

We will have a membership class soon. If you are interested, contact Pastor Tom or one of our Deacons (Larry Averill, Bob Cramer, Don Nietzsche, Dave Johnson, Rose Baker, Leonard Burbank, Doug Mosher, Jeff Courter, and Tammy Davis) for more information.

# **BUSINESS MEETING**

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009**

**Lunch 12:10 p.m.**

**Meeting 1:00 p.m.**

The meeting will follow a covered-dish, fellowship lunch. Attendees are asked to bring their own table service. Drinks will be provided by our Hospitality Board.

The meeting will begin after the meal. During this meeting, we will elect officers, and adopt a budget for 2010. We will also discuss amending our constitution. Our constitution does not have a definition for an active member. Our Deacon Board has suggested a description. The proposed change is posted on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

All members are encouraged to attend.

### **OUR NEXT CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday, October 25, 2009  
10:50 A.M.



Our 8:30 A.M. Worship Service will feature a more traditional format. All are invited to attend.

If you would like to become a part of our worship team, they practice every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come and join us in worshipping the Lord!

### **OUR TEENS NEED YOU!**



We have one more Fifth Quarter this year and we need your help. During each one of these events, we have 100-130 youth. If you are willing to help, contact Carol Nitzsche at 785-883-4421.

### **WANTED! BOOKSHELVES**

The youth pastor's office is in need of some bookshelves. If you have something that we could use, contact the church office at 785-883-2640.

## **LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU ...**

In John 15:12 (NRSV), Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job—it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

### **How Does Stephen Ministry Work?**

When someone requests a Stephen Minister, Carol Fleming or Pastor Tom, will meet with that person, explain what Stephen Ministry is, and help determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of care that person needs. Carol Fleming will then match that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Minister will then call that person and begin meeting with him or her for around an hour each week as long as the need is there. Everything a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, he or she listens, cares, prays, and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness.

### **Stephen Ministry Needs You!**

Are you interested in becoming one of the people who helps others through rough times? If you want more information on how to become a Stephen Minister, contact Carol Fleming at 785-883-4121. Please prayerfully consider if this is the ministry for you.

## **WORLD MISSION OFFERING**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You and I follow Jesus because God used someone to share the Good News. We have continued and grown as followers of Jesus because God has used others to celebrate with us in victory, encourage us in defeat and call us forward in faith.

You can help to make the same things happen in the lives of people half a world away! That's why we are asking you both to pray for and to give to the 2009 World Mission Offering.

Our congregation uses the World Mission Offering to support more than 2,500 short- and long-term missionaries annually, bringing U.S. and Puerto Rico churches together with partners in over 70 countries in cutting-edge ministries that tell the good news of Jesus Christ while meeting human needs.

Our giving to the World Mission Offering helps people

- Come to Christ
- Grow in Christ
- Change their world with Christ

This year the goal of the Wellsville Baptist Church is to raise \$1,352.00. You can use the enclosed offering envelope or just mark your check WMO.

We have received from the Lord. Let us also give and let Him empower our gifts to transform the world.

## YOU ARE INVITED

You are invited to a wedding shower for **Emily Johnson and Jeff Taylor** on **Sunday, October 11th from 2:00—4:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Emily is the daughter of Dave & Pat Johnson and the granddaughter of Leon & Bobbie Johnson. Jeff is the son of Ken & Sue Taylor and grandson of Norma Meredith.

Emily and Jeff are registered at Sears, Target and Kohl's. Hostesses are Kim Moore, Tammy Davis and Sandy Rogers.

*David & Patricia Johnson  
Request the pleasure of your company  
At the marriage of their daughter*

**Emily Suzanne Johnson**

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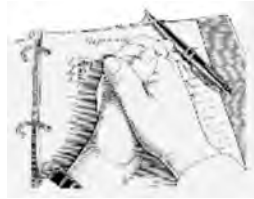
**Jeff David Taylor**

*Son of Ken & Sue Taylor*

*Saturday, the twenty-fourth of October  
Two thousand and nine  
At five o'clock at the*

*Wellsville Baptist Church  
3rd and Main  
Wellsville, Kansas*

*Reception by invitation only*



## PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Dawn Neel—studying for her ASL Interpreter Certification  
Pam Sharp—undergoing foot surgery on Tuesday, October 6th  
Janet Coffman—health concerns

Charlene McAuley—in the Wellsville Retirement Center recovering from hip replacement surgery  
Leonard Courter—recovering from shoulder surgery  
Lesley Breithaupt—undergoing chemotherapy  
Melinda Huff—health concerns  
Bob Dunaway—health concerns  
Bryson Owings—Kari Owings' son—growth concerns  
Rick Brown—Karen Neel Brown's husband—recovering from knee surgery  
Eva Woodbury—Diane Bringus' mother—broken neck following a fall  
Karen Averill—Larry & Ann Averill's daughter-in-law—health concerns  
Ladean Most—friend of Damien Most—health concerns  
Roy Elrod—Sandie Elrod's husband—health concerns  
Dr. Wendy Zimmerman Belcher—friend of Kari Owings—undergoing cancer treatment  
Darlene Reichart—Jean Higbie's sister-in-law—health concerns

## NEWS FROM BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

September 21, 2009

Dear Friends of Bethel Neighborhood Center:

We concluded our summer youth enrichment program on August 13th around 7:30 a.m. The lock in was not only a fun experience for the youth but it also brought the youth and staff closer together. Many of the youth expressed their thankfulness for the lock in and the opportunities they had because of attending our summer program. The youth learned about nonviolent communication, healthy lifestyles, social skills, reading and cooking. They went on recreational and educational fieldtrips and they had opportunities to work and interact with senior adults. They also completed many arts and crafts projects. We have resumed our after school program and the children and youth are happy to see their old friends and the Bethel staff.

Volunteers continue to make a difference in the Bethel Center ministry. The American Baptist Men took care of a very big and dangerous tree in the play yard. Two work teams cleaned off a sidewalk covered by dirt and grass on the west side of Bethel and Robyn Widener and her helpers from Judson Baptist Church, KS, led vacation Bible school. The individuals and work teams that came and did some wonderful projects at Bethel this summer include: FBC, Des Moines, IA, YMCA, Gary Long, Phil White, FBC Manhattan, KS, FBC, Overland Park, FBC, Salina, KS, and Cathy Schrag, Pam Cowen and youth. We are very much encouraged by the visits from different individuals and groups this summer.

Thank you once again for your support and prayers for the Bethel Center ministry.

Your friend in the Ministry  
Rev. Mang Sonna, Executive Director

## SAVE THE DATE!

We have some wonderful events coming up this fall and winter. Put them on your calendar so you won't forget them!

Sunday, November 15th - Annual Potato Bake

Sunday, November 22nd - Community Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 26th - Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, December 6th - Christmas Program

Sunday, December 20th - Christmas Service in Music and Word

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group for ages 7th—12th grades; 6:00 P.M. Choir; 7:00 P.M. Worship Team Practice.  **Wednesday—Regular Weekly Services—6:30 p.m. AWANA Youth Groups, 6:45 p.m. Adult Coffee & Dessert Time, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study				1 7:00 p Board of Deacons	2	3 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
4* 12:10 p O'Dea small group in the FH	5 6:30 p Daisy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall	6 8:30 a Church staff, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study bandage rolling, 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	7**	8 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Community, 6:30 p Board of Christian Education	9 9:30 a Fifth Quarter  ABCCR Annual Gathering in Junction City, KS	10 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
11* 2:00 Wedding shower for Jeff Taylor & Emily Johnson, 4:00 p All Church picnic at Burbank's home	12	13 8:30 a Church Staff, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study	14**	15 7:00 p Rodeo Bible Camp, 7:00 p Board of Trustees	16 Buckley's small group meeting	17 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
18* 12:15 p Mosher Small Group meeting in the FH, 9:30 a Council meeting	19 6:30 p Daisy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall	20 8:30 a Church Staff, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p Stephen Ministries supervision	21**	22	23 6:00 p Jeff Taylor & Emily Johnson wedding rehearsal	24 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, 5:00 p Jeff Taylor & Emily Johnson wedding
25* 12:10 p Fellowship Lunch, 1:00 p Business Meeting, 5:30 p Teen Barn-n-Blaze	26	27 8:30 a Church Staff, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study	29	29	30	31 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed below, please call the church office and let us know.

### Anniversaries

8-M/M David Robbs  
13-M/M Eddie Winslow  
22-M/M David Lowe, M/M Matt Hoffman

### Birthdays

1-Donna Thomasson  
3-Morgan Paulson  
2-Gail O'Connor  
5-Joe Rogers, Lil Sanders  
6-Bev McAuley, Jordyn Young  
7-Alva Skiles, Baylee Thornton  
8-Mike McAuley, Tom O'Dea  
12-Violet Haigh  
13-Jackson Wingert, Chad Young

### Birthdays (cont.)

14-Viola Schlup  
15-Jay Thompson  
16-Sue Taylor, Keith Churchill  
17-Dorothy Jones, Jackie Ware  
18-Nick Thomasson  
19-J.C. Jones, Ben Kyle  
21-Cadence Ishmael  
22-Eddie Neel  
23-Rev. Roger Robertson, Nick Lowe  
24-Cassie Ware, Tyler Thomasson  
25-Dan Lund, Dwight West, Jayson Owings  
30-Coulter Hoffman (Alex Rogers)

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